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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Rodney Golden, of Madison, Wisconsin, DOB: 05/05/1986, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to three years in federal prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon on July 5, 2005. Golden pleaded guilty to this offense on November 17, 2005.

Golden possessed the firearm in the Allied Drive neighborhood and officers noticed him because they thought he may have been engaged in a drug deal with others. After noticing the police, Golden handed the firearm to his mother, who was sitting on her porch, and officers retrieved it from her. In 2004, Golden was convicted of felony possession with intent to distribute cocaine and he was still on probation for that offense in July 2005.

The charge against Golden was the result of an investigation conducted by the Community Policing Team of the Madison Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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